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**PROTECTION OF OUR NORTHERN COASTING TRADE.**

The importance of giving free play to the coasting trade of these colonies must be evident to any one giving the subject the slightest consideration. Nature has done much to favor that kind of commerce. The shores, both of the Island and of the mainland, as far north as our coastline extends and beyond that, are everywhere indented with inlets affording good harbors. Abundance of timber suitable for ship building is everywhere to be met with. Our water and forests produce any quantity of fish and fur bearing animals. The mineral kingdom too, as far as it has been explored, is richly represented at various points of the coast. Every facility should therefore be given to those engaged in carrying on trade in our northern waters. No obstacle to its free action that can be removed should be suffered to remain. The Chief impediment formerly existing was the hostility of different tribes of Indians. Much of this has been done away with, through the instrumentality of our vessels of war. Nevertheless, symptoms of the old dislike to the encroachments of the white men still exhibit themselves occasionally among the dusky race, when they fancy that they can give vent to them with impunity. Doubtless they would be much worse were they not somewhat apprehensive of the possible consequences of their misconduct. Their treatment of the captain of the sloop Eagle, reported in our columns yesterday, driving him away from a trading post on the Kitap River, shows that dealing with them is not always plain sailing. Their conduct in this instance, however, is said to have been instigated by white men. If so, the case is all the worse. It shows the necessity of some authority in those regions to teach both Indians and whites that the strong arm of the law hangs over them even there. The interests of these colonies demand that nothing shall be allowed to interfere with the free passage of our traders to any part of our waters. The only means capable of effecting this object at present are, of course, our vessels of war. Were their appearance more frequent along those portions of our coast inhabited by the most dangerous tribes, there is little doubt but that their apprehensions of the consequences of violating our laws would keep them in much better check than at present. The frequent presence of power in their midst, especially for the purpose of punishing the authors of injuries interference with white men; such as the murders of Stekin miners, on the North Coast last summer, must always exercise a more beneficial, because a more direct, influence in the minds of savages than when remaining at a distance from them. In the latter case they are very apt to forget that they are within reach of, and, consequently, grow bolder. It would not be amiss, therefore, if our gunboats made it a point to make more frequent cruises along the shores of our territories than at present. The protection and advancement of British commerce in these waters would, of course, be sufficient reason for such a line of action.

**THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.**

We have had occasion more than once to make passing allusions to the services rendered in England to Colonial interests by members of the British North American Association. The controversy provoked some time ago by the opinions put forth by Goldwin Smith, upon the expediency of the mother country severing connection with her colonies, is an instance still fresh in the minds of our readers of the importance of having at home so able a body of defenders. As will be seen by the card of the association in our columns, it comprises the names of a large number of the most prominent men of England and the North American colonies. The objects for which the society—now some time in operation—was founded, are "to promote colonial union and correspondence, to collect and circulate official information regarding the material resources of the provinces, and as an established centre of communication to enable the Imperial and colonial interests on both sides of the Atlantic to confer from time to time on all topics of mutual interest. The advantages that must accrue from establishing a connection between the Association and these colonies must be obvious to all. We would then have some body in the mother country to look after our interests, unhampered by official routine. Correct information as to our manifold resources would be brought prominently before the British public. Grievances affecting these colonies, and with which only the Imperial Government could satisfactorily deal, might be efficiently presented to the notice of the latter by the members of Parliament belonging to the association. The injurious operation of the navigation laws in placing our shipping in unfair competition with American bottoms for example, would furnish a subject for their action. The association affords also a common ground, where the trans-continental interest of all the North American Colonies, such as road and telegraphic communications may be best discussed. Our Chamber of Commerce would no doubt find it to the advantage of the mercantile community, to have some at least of its members connected with a body capable of exercising so important an influence upon the home public. Much valuable information affecting these countries could thus be exchanged, and our commercial interests materially advanced.

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25 cases Soda Crackers,

25 " Pic Nic do,

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20 " Jenny Lind Crackers,

30 " Howland's Coal Oil,

25 bales Gunnies,

100 cases Brandy,

50 " " Old G,

8 coils Rope,

--- cases Smoked Beef,

30 " Assorted Spices,

--- bbls Soft Shelled Almonds,

50 bags new Walnuts,

2 half-bbls, (new) Dutch Anchovies,

--- " Salt Tongues,

--- cases German Sausages,

50 kegs new dried Apples, suitable for Packing,

--- ALSO ---

25 dozen Shirts and Drawers,

10 " Blue Overshirts,

25 " Denim Overalls,

25 " Lambswool Socks,

50 " Turkey Red Handkerchiefs,

25 pieces extra superior Silk do,

10 dozen superior Regatta Shirts,

5 " " White do,

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1 case Molekin Pant,

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